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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Explainer: How the UN is promoting a 'global commitment to fight corruption'

United Nations News: 8 December 2023

Countries across the world need to work together, according to the head of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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Ukraine Battles Corruption Through Smartphone App

Leo Chiu – Kyiv Post: 8 December 2023

Ukraine is one of Eastern Europe's leading tech hubs, and that expertise is now taking the fight to the frontline against corruption.

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Prosecutions coupled with zero-tolerance culture key to fighting SA's corruption scourge

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Drug lords go on killing spree to hunt down corrupt officers who stole shipment in Mexico's Tijuana

Mark Stevenson – *The Associated Press*: 10 December 2023

Two officers suspected of theft have been killed, prosecutors say, along with at least three others.

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Grant Peck – *Time*: 12 December 2023

The country, already wracked by a brutal civil war, has regained the unenviable title, according to a United Nations agency report.

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30 Years After Escobar, How the Cocaine Trade Has Changed

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His job was to secure boats for drug trafficking shipments. Now he's a convicted felon

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Phoebe Weston – The Guardian: 7 December 2023

A lucrative underground risks undermining research, creating new pandemics and pushing a recently abundant species to the brink.

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International Crisis Group: 8 December 2023

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Ian Klaus and Ben Polsky – Carnegie: 12 December 2023

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Rachel George – Council on Foreign Affairs: 7 December 2023

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Australia needs to talk more openly about offensive cyber operations

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Exploit and Evade to Remain and Expand: The Cross-Platform Evasion Toolbox of Islamic State Supporters

Moustafa Ayad – Global Network on Extremism and Technology: 13 December 2023

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Ronak Gopaldas and Menzi Ndlovu – Institute for Security Studies: 12 December 2023

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